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Walker Conley Running for Sheriff

Walker Conley, a 16-year Fulton County lawman, has announced that he will seek the nomination for Fulton County Sheriff on the Democrat ticket at the May primary election.

Conley began his law enforcement career in 1986 as a reserve deputy. He was hired in 1989 as a full-time county deputy.

Conley is a 1974 graduate of Rochester High School. Following graduation, he entered the U.S. Air Force where he earned the rank of sergeant and was an aircraft maintenance crew chief. After his military service, he worked at Fulton Metal Fabricating (later named Delta Tool). He is a member of the Midwest Association of Voice Stress Operators, Reserve Deputies Association, Indiana Sheriffs Association, National Sheriffs Association, American Legion, the Rochester Optimist Club, and the Blue Knights, a law enforcement motorcycle club dedicated to helping youth. He was also a girl's softball coach for two years. A 20-year member of the Olive Branch Church of God, Roann, Conley is also a big brother with the Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization.

Walker and his wife, Shelley, live on Mt. Zion Road. She is a Woodlawn Hospital laboratory technician. They have two daughters, Erin Wagoner, an accountant, who lives in Indianapolis with her husband, Dan, and their 5-year-old son, Jacob. Amanda Conley and her fiancé, Brandon Tugmon, are seniors at Manchester College. She is studying sociology and criminal justice and hopes to become a paralegal.

Conley notes that courtesy and professionalism are his top priorities for the sheriff's department, followed by community involvement, closer ties with other agencies and promoting officer specialization. He believes that having observed three previous sheriffs, Richard McLochlin, Bruce Baker and Roy Calvert, gives him insight into department management. He also believes his management and supervision skills learned in the military and his National Criminal Justice Institute course in police management will add to his ability to serve Fulton County residents as their sheriff.

The primary election will be May 2 and the general election will take place November 7.

Conley will keep voters informed through his website at www.walkerconley.com.

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Legislative Breakfasts

The 2006 legislative breakfasts sponsored by the Rochester/Lake Manitou Chamber of Commerce will be held January 28 and February 25 at the Manitou Banquet Center, Rochester. Both sessions will start at 8 a.m. Coffee and pastries will be served.

State-level elected officials will be on hand to discuss the activities of the Indiana General Assembly and answer questions from constituents.

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Time Zone Change Appeal Meeting

A meeting will be held Monday, February 6, at 10 a.m. on the third floor of the Pulaski County Court House, Winamac, to discuss the DOT's recent ruling placing Pulaski County in the Central Time Zone. Everyone is asked to attend this meeting and voice their concerns and opinions on the ruling.

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February Blood Drives

Two blood drives are scheduled in Fulton County in February. The first blood collection day will be Thursday, February 16, from 1 to 7 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 121 N. Mishawaka Street, Akron. The second will be held Tuesday, February 21, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the St. Joseph Parish Hall, 1310 Main St., Rochester.

If you are at least 17 years of age, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and are in good general health, you may be eligible to donate blood. All donors need to present positive identification. For more information or to schedule your blood donation appointment, call 1-800-448-3543.

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Caston PTO Read-Again Book Fair

The Caston Elementary PTO will host its annual "Read-Again" book fair in May. Anyone interested in donating gently used books, videos, tapes (music or read-along), or CD roms can leave them in the drop-off boxes outside the elementary office. Items for children as well as grown-up materials (cookbooks, how-two craft ideas, novels, gardening, etc.) are welcome. Please remember to keep donations for school age eyes.

If you have purchased from the book fair before, consider recycling your purchases. All proceeds will benefit the PTO's improvement fund. If you have any questions, call Lora Redweik at 574-664-5131.

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Hap's Chicken Bash, February 15

The Red Bird Mission Team will serve a Hap's chicken bash dinner Wednesday, February 15, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. in the annex of the Kewanna United Methodist Church. The menu will include baked potato, cole slaw, roll, cookie, drink and all the chicken you can eat. The annex is handicap accessible.

Tickets for the dinner are now on sale, $7 for adults and $3.50 for children age 8 and under. **Tickets must be purchased in advance**. They are available from Jennie Galloway, 653-3037; Bruce Baker, 653-2894; Pastor Dave Sommers, 653-2899; Karen Good (The Observer), 653-2101; Bev Baldwin, 653-2622; or Helen Peters, 946-4175.

Proceeds from the dinner will go toward this year's Red Bird Mission trip, which will be March 26-April 1. Participants will spend a week at the Red Bird Mission in Kentucky repairing or remodeling homes for the local residents or working at the mission. Anyone interested in helping with this worthwhile project is welcome to participate. The cost is $240 per person, part of which is for food and housing. Persons interested in spending a week at the mission may contact Pastor Dave Sommers, Bruce Baker, Helen or Willard Peters or Karen Good.

The mission team is also conducting a hog raffle. Two hog halves, cut and freezer wrapped, will be given away. The drawing will be held the night of the chicken bash. Raffle ticket donations are $1 each or six for $5. Proceeds will go towards the mission trip. Tickets can be purchased from those listed above.

A bake sale will also be held the night of the dinner to help support the mission trip.

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Small Business Counseling

Fulton County small business owners and entrepreneurs can learn more about operating their own business by attending confidential counseling sessions provided by the regional Small Business Development Center and SCORE.

Through an arrangement with the Fulton Economic Development Corporation (FEDCO), this service is free to Fulton County residents. A business counselor can help current and prospective business owners with business plans, marketing, arranging financing and growing a business.

A counselor is available the second Wednesday of each month at the FEDCO office, 822 Main Street, Rochester. **To schedule an appointment for February 8, call 574-223-3326.**

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College Fair at Winamac

Winamac Community High School will host a college fair Wednesday, February 22, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. EST.

Representatives from more than 30 colleges, technical schools and the Armed Services will be present. The fair will take place in the Winamac Elementary gymnasium. Financial aid workshops will be held from 7 to 7:30 p.m. All area high school students and their parents are invited to attend as well as anyone in the community interested in furthering their education.

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Orientation at Winamac

All prospective ninth graders and their parents should attend a meeting to be held at Winamac Community High School Tuesday, January 31, at 7 p.m. to discuss scheduling of classes for next year. The meeting will be held in the socialtorium.

Mrs. March, the high school counselor, will go over graduation requirements that the students will need to complete over the next four years. She will also be discussing how to fill out the students' four-year plans for the tri-mester scheduling system.

This meeting is very important and all parents/students are encouraged to attend.

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Indianapolis Home Show, January 27 – February 5

An Indianapolis tradition for 84 years, the Indianapolis Home Show is the nation's oldest and the Midwest's largest home-show event with more than 800 exhibits. The show offers thousands of products, decorating, construction and remodeling ideas for visitors. The Indianapolis Home Show runs for 10 days, January 27 through February 5, at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in the West Pavilion, Exposition Hall and the South Pavilion.

The show hours are 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Fridays, January 27 and February 3; 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturdays, January 28 and February 4; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sundays, January 29 and February 5; and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, January 30 – February 2. Admission is $9 for adults, $4 for children ages 7-12 and free for children 6 and under. Two dollar off coupons are available at all central Indiana Marsh Supermarkets, valid Monday through Thursday.

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Recycling Date:
FRIDAY....
January 27th

The News In Brief

Key Waste picked up a total of 3,507 recyclables from Kewanna curbsides during December.

Indiana Attorney General Steve Carter has announced that Ameriquest Mortgage Company, the nation's largest sub-prime lender, has agreed to pay over $4 million to Indiana consumers, as well as make sweeping reforms of its lending practices, that states allege amounted to predatory lending. Ameriquest will pay $325 million to 49 states and the District of Columbia.

Applications are now being accepted for the Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp. The camp is by invitation only. Boys and girls ages 10-19 are eligible to apply. Camps are located in several locations, including North Manchester. For a free brochure, call 704-373-0873 anytime.

U.S. Senator Evan Bayh has co-sponsored a bipartisan bill, introduced by Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY), which will help protect private cell phone records by making it a crime to purchase cell phone records without the owner's consent. Currently, anyone with a cell phone number and approximately $100 can easily obtain private cell phone records from the Internet.

Indiana Attorney General Steve Carter has put his support behind a bill heard by a legislative committee recently that would prohibit unsolicited advertising faxes. Carter told the House Committee on Technology, Research and Development that the bill would give Hoosiers one more layer of protection from intrusive and often annoying sales tactics.

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2006 Wool, Mohair, Unshorn Pelts LDPS

The 2006 crop year for wool, mohair and unshorn pelts began January 1. Area producers are reminded that, in order to apply for possible Loan Deficiency Payments, the form CCC-633EZ, Page 1, must be completed and submitted to the local Farm Service Agency office before beneficial interest is lost. Producers can contact the Fulton County FSA Office at 574-223-3220 for more information.

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James F. Talbott VFW No. 1121 Activities

January 29 – Open Sunday at noon. Euchre/cards at 1 p.m. Free lunch. Everyone welcome.

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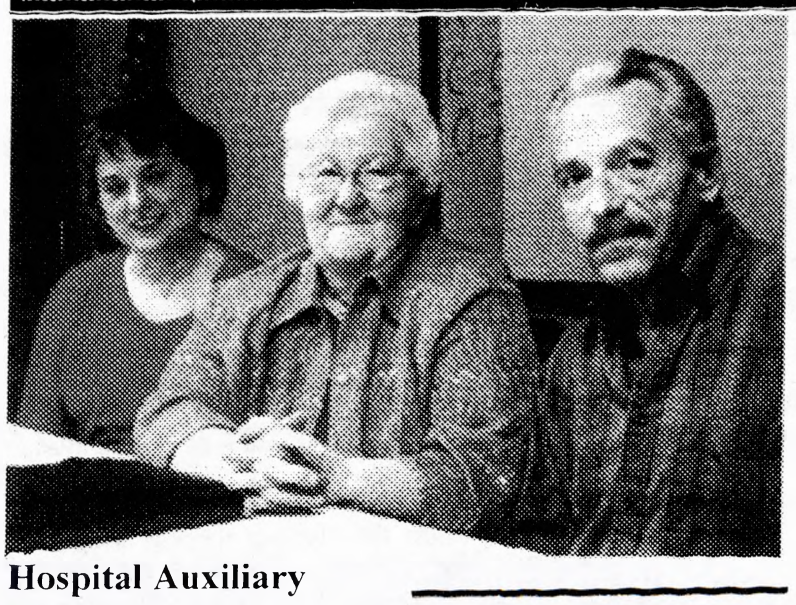

Hospital Auxiliary Officers

The Pulaski Memorial Hospital Auxiliary welcomes Steve Seifert as a new officer for 2006. Steve is replacing Carole Shorter as treasurer. L-R: Nancy Schambers, Secretary; Peg Schultz, President; and Steve Seifert, Treasurer. Not pictured: Sue Nies, Vice President and Betty Parcel, Assistant Treasurer.

Figures for the year 2004 showed the membership included 114 Auxilians volunteering 8,103 hours with a monetary value of $137,750 to PMH and the community. The fund raisers for that year raised $6,650; money earned from the Gift Shop was $12,500. Scholarships given were $1,000. While final information for 2005 is not yet completed, it appears the Auxiliary will surpass 2004.

Republican Women Meet

The Fulton County Republican Women's Club met for its first meeting of 2006 Monday evening at the Streamliner Central in Rochester with the newly installed president, Pat Calvert, presiding.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer.

The group reviewed the 2006 program books. Dorothy Brown volunteered to replace Pat Calvert as "Sunshine Lady". Pat reminded everyone that they should pay their dues. Dues are $20 per year. A report was heard on the very successful "Tour of Homes" held in December.

Local residents interested in joining the group may call Tami Powell at 653-2305 or Karen Good at 653-2101/653-2777 for more information.

Concert at Akron

The Akron Church of God will host a gospel concert Sunday, February 5, at 7 p.m. featuring the Triumphant Quartet, formerly known as Integrity Quartet.

Quartet members include David Sutton, tenor; Clayton Inman, lead; Scott Inman, baritone; Eric Bennett, bass; and Jeff Stice on the piano.

The group presents their testimony through Southern gospel harmony. They are based in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee and sing at the Louise Mandrell Theater through the summer and fall and travel to churches in the winter months presenting their message. Several members previously traveled with the Kingdom Heirs.

Everyone is welcome to enjoy an evening of great, inspirational Southern gospel music. A free will offering will be taken.

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CASTON MENU
January 30 – February 3
Breakfast

Monday-Friday – choice each day with juice and milk: cereal and toast; sausage/cheese bun; ham/cheese bun; or toaster pastry

Lunch

Monday – Corn dog, seasoned mini cubes, pears, cookie and milk. Comet Café – walking taco

Tuesday – nachos with meat and cheese, corn, applesauce, bread and butter and milk. Comet Café – chicken fries combo

Wednesday – Chicken patty, whipped potatoes and gravy, mixed fruit, cookie and milk. Comet Café – seafood combo

Thursday – Sloppy Joe sandwich, French fries, peaches, brownie and milk. Choice – French bread pizza

Friday – Spaghetti with meat sauce, lettuce salad, Mandarin oranges, garlic bread and milk. Comet Café – baked potato bar and cheese stuffed breadsticks

Reminder: each lunch money envelope should include (1) the student's name; (2) date; (3) pin number; (4) amount of money in the envelope.

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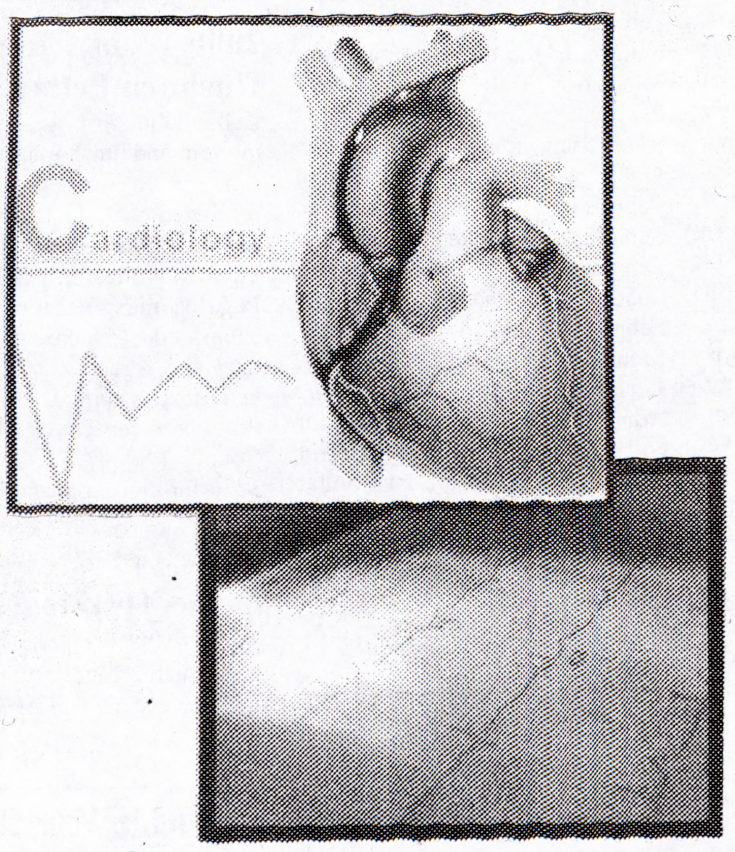

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HOSPITAL NOTES....

WOODLAWN HOSPITAL

January 16
Admissions – Marilyn Hall, John Wagoner and Lucas Fishburn, Rochester
Dismissals – Phyllis Reeves, Macy; Ernest Gates, Twelve Mile; Steven Duff, Bourbon; Amanda Ganshorn and son, Argos; David Alderfer, Mentone; David Alspach, Lucas Fishburn and Virginia Weidner, Rochester
January 17
Admissions – Paula Tripaldi, Rochester; Kimberly Cress, Twelve Mile
Dismissals – Alice Smitley, Kewanna
Births – Shaun and Heather Irwin, Macy, a daughter
January 18
Admissions – Steve Jackson, North Manchester
Dismissals – Marilyn Hall, Rochester
January 19
Admissions – Ernest Gates, Twelve Mile; Marchelle McQueary, Rochester
Dismissals – None published
Births – Angela Nicklaus, Rochester, a daughter
January 20
Admissions – None published
Dismissals – Mary Pingleton, North Manchester; Kimberly Cress, Twelve Mile; Heather Irwin and daughter, Macy

PULASKI MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

January 13
Admissions – Ann Minix, North Judson; Madolynne Werner, Winamac
Dismissals – Ann Minnix, North Judson, Alice Howat, Kewanna
Births – John, Jr. and Catherine Heather Wheeler, Kewanna, a son, Wyatt John Wheeler
January 14
Admissions – None
Dismissals – None
January 15
Admissions – None
Dismissals – Madolynne Werner, Winamac
January 16
Admissions – Ellen Howat, Star City; Lester Hurlburt, Sr., Winamac
Dismissals – Catherine Wheeler and son, Kewanna
January 17
Admissions – Lisa Howard, Winamac; Louise Schammert, Kewanna
Dismissals – None
Births – Bradley Hartwell and Lisa Howard, Winamac, a daughter, Madisen Fern Kretora Hartwell
January 18
Admissions – Dorothy Spraggins and Betty Foster, Winamac; Geraldine Prater, Star City
Dismissals – Ardith Leska, Winamac
January 19
Admissions – Frances Nelson, Monterey
Dismissals – Ellen Howat, Star City; Lester Hurlburt, Sr. and Lisa Howard and daughter, Winamac

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DEATHS.....

OPAL L. SHULL

Former Kewanna resident Opal L. Shull, 102, died at 9:55 a.m. Tuesday, January 24, 2006, at Life Care Center, Rochester.

Born November 30, 1903 at Wolcott, she was the daughter of James and Eva Williams Spencer. She was married September 15, 1928, at Saint Joseph, Michigan, to Paul E. Shull. He died May 26, 1976.

A graduate of Monon High School, she was a homemaker, a member of the Kewanna United Methodist Church, and a 50-year member of the Order of Eastern Star, Rochester.

Mrs. Shull is survived by two daughters, Sharlene Haimbaugh and her husband, Allison, of Rochester and Dana Nichols and her husband, John, of East Lyme, Connecticut; two sons, Charles Shull and his wife, Cathy, Marietta, Georgia, and William Shull and his wife, Karen, Sugar Grove, Illinois; seven grandchildren, Neal, Lisa, Bill, Kenneth, Kimberly, Valerie and Jennifer and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by four brothers, six sisters and one grandchild.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday, January 27, at the Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna Chapel, with Pastor Mike Tatman officiating. Burial will be in the Riverview I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Monticello.

Friends may call from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, January 26, at the funeral home as well as after 8 a.m. Friday until the time of services.

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Pulaski Memorial Hospital Calendar

Afternoons R.O.C.K., an after school program for 10-14 year olds in the fifth through eighth grades, will be offered at PMH beginning February 7. Classes are from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. This program teaches decision making skills, conflict management, drug and alcohol awareness, as well as help with homework, arts and crafts, and games. Students can get a registration form by calling 574-896-3612 or 574-946-2189 (Rhonda Kletz) or pick one up in the PMH education department from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Class space is limited. This program is funded by SAMSHA SAPT Block Grant DFDA 93.959 through FSSA/Division of Mental Health and Addiction.

Cancervive, a support group for people who have a history of cancer or those currently being treated for cancer, their families and friends, will meet Tuesday, January 31, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the PMH conference center. This is a free service of PMH and is open to residents of any county. For more information, call 574-946-2147.

When the Bough Breaks is grief support for those who have lost an infant, experienced a stillbirth, a miscarriage or SIDS. This is a free service of PMH for residents of Pulaski, Fulton, Starke, Marshall, Cass White and Jasper counties. For more information, call 574-946-2180.

There is a walk-in immunization clinic from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Healthy Family Office on the third floor of the Pulaski County Building in Winamac. Vaccines available include DTaP, EIPV, Hib, Hep B, MMR and Td. Please bring any previous immunization records.

The Sweet Beginnings Prenatal Program at Health Families offers a walk-in clinic at the Pulaski County Building, Winamac, providing prenatal care coordination services. Services include free urine pregnancy testing, risk assessment and referral to other community services including medical provider and financial coverage. Services are offered during regular business hours, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Call 574-946-6017 for information.

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Indiana State Fairgrounds Upcoming Events

Expo Source Construction Expo: Jan. 25-26 in the Marsh Blue Ribbon Pavilion. Hours: Wed. 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Thurs. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission: free

Winter Jam Rally: Jan. 27 in the Pepsi Coliseum. Show begins at 7 p.m. Admission: $10 plus offering.

84th Annual Indianapolis Home Show: Jan. 27 – Feb. 5 in the West Pavilion, South Pavilion and Exposition Hall. Hours: Fri. (1/27) 5 to 9:30 p.m.; Sats. 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Suns. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Mon.-Thurs. 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Fri. (2/3) 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Admission: $9 adults, children 7-12 $4 and children six and under, free.

Indiana Judges Cup Gymnastics: Jan. 28-29 in the Marsh Blue Ribbon Pavilion. Hours: Sat. 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sun. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: $5 adults, children $3.

Midwest Reptile Show: January 29 in the Southwest Pavilion. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: $5, children 8 and younger free.

Boy Scout Memorabilia Auction: February 3-4 in the Pioneer Our Land Pavilion. Hours: Fri. 4 to 10 p.m.; Sat. 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission free on Saturday and $2 on Saturday. Scouts in uniform, free.

47th Annual Carquest 500 World of Wheels: February 3-5 in the Champions Pavilion, South Pavilion and Marsh Blue Ribbon Pavilion. Hours: Fri. 5 to 10:30 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: $13 adults; children 6-12 $5, children five and under free.

Sports Shorts

The Caston varsity Lady Comets fell to host Northfield Saturday, January 21, 69-36. Kristen Osbon scored 14 points for the Comets. Kaylyn Herrold had eight rebounds to go with her five points. Samantha Loeffler had eight points, six rebounds and three steals. The junior varsity squad suffered a 27-14 defeat. Vicki Synder led the Comets with four points. Courtney Tam had three points, Sara Gunter, Reegan Homburg and Aby Jenkins had two each and Anna Douglass had one.

Caston hosted the Midwest Conference wrestling meet Saturday, January 21. Comet Bryan Powlen won the 215-pound class and received MWC Wrestler of the Year honors. As a team, Caston finished fifth out of the six teams competing. Other Caston results were: Garrett Redweik (119 lbs.) and Alex Chapman (125), third place; Josh Skinner (152) and Gage Waltz (HWT), fourth place, and Heath Sommers (160), second place.

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Financial Assistance Available

(Indianapolis)—The National Kidney Foundation of Indiana, Inc. announces it is accepting applications for financial assistance for kidney dialysis and kidney transplant patients. Funded by the Indiana State Department of Health, the State Renal Program assists these individuals with specific expenses. To be eligible for the program a person must be an Indiana resident, have a medical diagnosis of End-Stage Renal Disease, and meet income guidelines. The application must include proof of each of these requirements.

One in nine American adults has some from of kidney or urology disease. The National Kidney Foundation of Indiana, Inc. is an affiliate of the National Kidney Foundation, Inc., the nation's largest voluntary health organization, and is dedicated to improving the quality of life for patients and their families.

The mission of the National Kidney Foundation of Indiana is to prevent kidney and urinary tract disease, improve the health and well being of individuals and families affected by these diseases and increase the availability of all organs for transplantation.

Complete applications must be postmarked by **March 24, 2006. Faxed applications will not be accepted.** Applications are available by contacting your social worker or the National Kidney Foundation of Indiana at **(800) 382-9971.**

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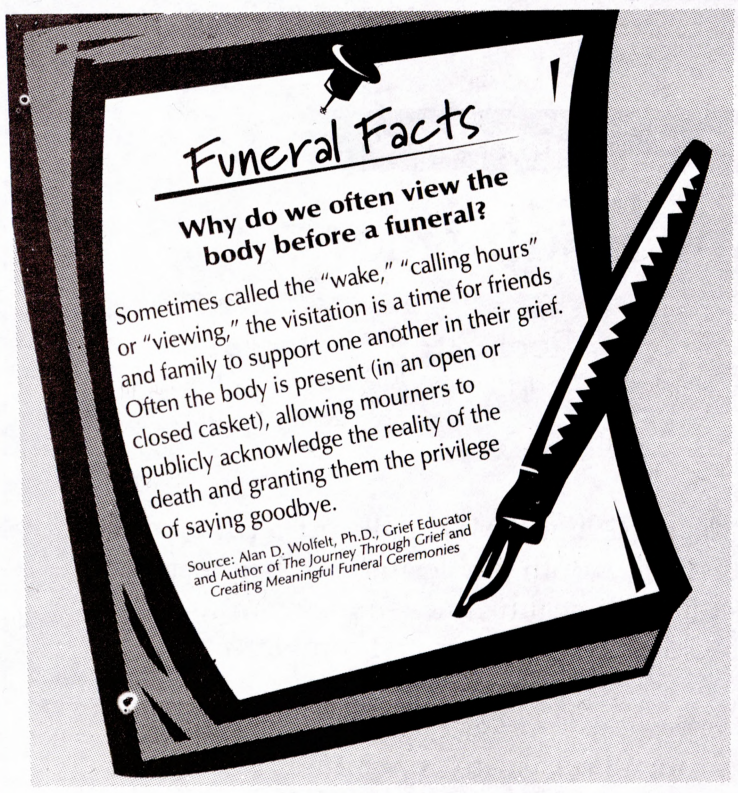

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General Fiction— *Long Time Coming* by Sandra Brown; *On The Run* by Iris Johansen; *All Night Long* by Jayne Ann Krentz; *Red Lily* (#3 of The Garden Trilogy) by Nora Roberts; and *True Believer* by Nicholas Sparks.

Mystery Fiction— *The Cat Who Dropped A Bombshell* (from The Cat Who series) by Lilian Jackson Braun.

Nonfiction— *Finding Mr. Right* by Stephen Arterburn.

JUVENILES:

Preteen Christian Fiction— *Split Decision* and *Ultimate Challenge* (#7- 8 of the Spirit of The Game series) by Todd Hafer; *Skye's Final Test* and *The Winning Summer* (#5- 6 of the Keystone Stables series) by Marsha Hubler; and *Midnight Madness and Mayhem*, *Wedding Wishes and Woes*, *Winds of Change* and *Winter on The Island* (#s 5- 8 of The Story Girl series) by L.M. Montgomery.

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Fulton County

Annual Financial Report for the Year Ended December 31, 2005

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, CASH BALANCES AND INVESTMENT BALANCES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING 2005

Funds	Beginning Cash Fund Balances 01/01/2005	2005 Receipts	2005 Disbursements	Ending Cash Fund Balances 12/31/2005	Investments at 12/31/2005	Total Cash & Investments at 12/31/2005
Section I						
FUND TYPE: GENERAL						
101 General Fund	$28,134.77	$47,714.26	$39,491.31	$36,357.72	$0.00	$36,357.72
Total by Fund Type:	$28,134.77	$47,714.26	$39,491.31	$36.357.72	$0.00	$36,357.72
FUND TYPE: SPECIAL REVENUE						
202 Dog	$365.50	$87.50	$92.00	$361.00	$0.00	$361.00
4501 Federal Revenue Sharing	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
1111 Firefighting	$148,751.85	$36,185.83	$27,695.31	$157,242.37	$0.00	$157,242.37
1301 Parks and Recreation	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
61 Rainy Day Fund	$7,244.00	$0.00	$0.00	$7,244.00	$0.00	$7,244.00
840 Township Assistance	$3,542.35	$14,159.13	$8,551.73	$9,149.75	$0.00	$9,149.75
Total by Fund Type:	$159,903.70	$50,432.46	$36,339.04	$173,997.12	$0.00	$173,997.12
FUND TYPE: DEBT SERVICE						
1182 Fire Equipment Debt	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Total by Fund Type:	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
FUND TYPE: CAPITAL PROJECTS						
1190 Cumulative Fire	$7,210.40	$13,528.18	$333.00	$20,405.58	$0.00	$20,405.58
Total by Fund Type:	$7,210.40	$13,528.18	$333.00	$20,405.58	$0.00	$20,405.58
FUND TYPE: AGENCY						
108 Levy Excess	$0.00	$3,393.00	$0.00	$3,393.00	$0.00	$3,393.00
Total by Fund Type:	$0.00	$3,393.00	$0.00	$3,393.00	$0.00	$3,393.00
Subtotal All Funds:	$195,248.87	$115,067.90	$76,163.35	$234,153.42	$0.00	$234,153.42
Section II						
Less:						
Investment Sales		$0.00				
Investment Purchases			$0.00			
Transfers In		$3,397.22				
Transfers Out			$3,397.22			
Net Receipts and Disbursements		$111,670.68	$72,766.13			

RECEIPTS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING 2005

	General Fund	Township Assistance	Fire Fighting	Dog	Cum. Fire	Levy Excess
General Property Taxes	$29,323.65	$8,281.10	$28,870.00	$0.00	$12,141.55	$0.00
Financial Institution Tax	$39.00	$13.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Auto & Aircraft Excise Tax	$3,406.50	$884.65	$3,182.74	$0.00	$1,345.45	$0.00
Certified Shares (Local Option Tax)	$9,535.00	$4,912.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Property Tax Replacement Credit (Local Option Tax)	$1,936.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Commercial Vehicle Excise Tax	$201.84	$64.16	$98.82	$0.00	$41.18	$0.00
Dog Tax Licenses	$20.50	$0.00	$0.00	$87.50	$0.00	$0.00
Interest on Investments	$651.77	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Miscellaneous Revenue - Other			$3,314.85			
Transfer of Funds - Other		$4.22				$3,393.00
Refunds - Other	$2,600.00		$719.42			
Total Receipts	$47,714.26	$14,159.13	$36,185.83	$87.50	$13,528.18	$3,393.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Fund: 101 General Fund
Dept: Twp. Fund - General Government
Object: Personal Services

To Whom Paid:	Amount
Arthur S. Gudas	$5,500.00
Margaret J. Gudas	$2,340.00
Deana Thomas	$250.00
John Mollencupp	$500.00
Jay Cunningham	$500.00
Sandy Sutton	$250.00
Nip Lawn Care	$3,290.00
Paul Bauman Jr.	$3,179.25
Mark Bateman	$7,000.00
Rex Urbin	$505.20
Floyd Mollencupp	$200.00
Jim Enyart	$162.80
Key Waste Services	$125.75
Total Personal Services	$23,803.00

Object: Supplies

Boyce Forms	$148.21
Staples	$223.48
Wal-Mart	$17.15
Total Supplies	$388.84

Object: Other Services and Charges

Arthur S. Gudas Mileage/Off. Rent	$1,800.00
L&J Custom Tables	$1,357.76
Nip Lawn Care	$981.75
Nipsco	$865.27
Sprint	$704.33
Kewanna Water Works	$566.28
Kewanna Post Office	$125.22
Indiana Twp. Association	$300.00
Smith Sawyer Smith	$1,820.00
CNA Surety	$100.00
Kewanna Pro Hardware	$331.10
The Rochester Sentinel	$180.12
The Observer	$337.17
Fulton County Treasurer	$6.00
Union Twp. Host Fee Account	$499.00
Allied Waste	$148.03
Steve Sutton	$53.42

Object: Other Services and Charges

Paul Pauman Sr.	$750.00
IRS Taxes to be Paid	$599.80
Total Other Services and Charges	$11,525.25

Object: Capital Outlay

Kewanna Youth League	$1,780.00
Total Capital Outlay	$1,780.00

Object: Transfers of Funds

To Twp. Assistance	$4.22
To Levy Excess	$1,990.00
Total Transfers of Funds	$1,994.22
Total	$39,491.31

Fund: 840 Township Assistance
Dept.: Township Assistance Administration
Object: Supplies

AE Boyce	$25.67
Total Supplies	$25.67
Total	$25.67

Dept.: Township Assistance Direct Assistance
Object: Medical, Hospital and Burial

Curtis Family Practice	$120.00
Harrison Metzger Funeral Home	$1,595.00
Kewanna Water Works	$125.00
Nipsco	$1,064.26
Total Medical, Hospital and Burial	$2,904.26
Total	$2,904.26

Dept.: Township Assistance Other Assistance
Object: Other Services and Charges

Nipsco	$4,019.47
Kewanna Water Works	$273.60
Rochester LP Gas	$231.98
Leiters Ford LP Gas	$507.82
Fulton County REMC	285.93
Total Other Services and Charges	$5,318.80
Total	$5,318.80

Dept.: Township Assistance Misc.
Object: Transfers of Funds

Levy Excess	$303.00
Total Transfers of Funds	$303.00
Total	$303.00

Fund: 1111 Firefighting
Dept.: Firefighting
Object: Personal Services

Kewanna Fire Department	$4,995.06
Mike Gillespie	$950.00
Total Personal Services	$5,945.06

Object: Supplies

Hazard Control Technologies	$558.53
Chief Supply	$240.43
WS Darley & Co.	$58.56
Total Supplies	$857.52

Object: Other Services and Charges

Smith Sawyer Smith	$3,647.04
Town of Kewanna	$6,030.79
Fulton-Marshall LP	$427.34
Bradner Fire and Rescue	$853.10
E.R.S.	$1,225.25
Shideler Electric	$875.00
Fire Services Inc.	$1,183.15
WS Darley & Co.	$83.75
Jim Berry & Sons	$954.85
5 Alarm Fire Equipment	$709.34
St. Paul Travelers - AMD	$756.00
The Rochester Sentinel	$30.40
The Observer	$34.87
Fulton County Firemen's Assoc.	$1,000.00
Total Other Services and Charges	$17,810.88

Object: Capital Outlay

Burns Construction	$2,314.85
Total Capital Outlay	$2,314.85

Object: Transfers of Funds

Levy Excess	$767.00
Total Transfers of Funds	$767.00
Total	$27,695.31

Fund: 202 Dog
Dept.: Dog
Object: Other Services and Charges

Fulton County Treasurer	$92.00
Total Other Services and Charges	$92.00
Total	$92.00

Fund: 1190 Cumulative Fire
Dept.: Cumulative Fire
Object: Transfers of Funds

Levy Excess	$333.00
Total Transfers of Funds	$333.00
Total Disbursements:	$76,163.35

State of Indiana, SS: Fulton County

I, Arthur Gudas, Trustee of Union Township, Fulton County, Indiana, do solemnly affirm under the penalty of perjury that the preceding report is complete, true and correct; that the sum with which I am charged in this report are all of the sums received by me; and that the various items of expenditures credited have been fully paid in the sums stated; that such payments were made without express or implied agreement that any portion thereof shall be retained by or repaid to me or to any other person. I further affirm that a complete and detailed annual report, together with all accompanying vouchers showing the names of persons having been paid money by the township, have been filed as required by law in the office of the County Auditor, and that copies of such annual report are in custody of the Township Board and the State Board of Accounts. Said report is subject to inspection by any taxpayer of the township.

Arthur Gudas, Union Township Trustee
Telephone: (574) 653-9088

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, the Chairman of the Township Board of Union Township at its annual meeting, this 16th day of January, 2006.

Jay Cunningham, Union Township Board Chairman

This report was received, accepted, and approved by the Township Board at its annual meeting, this 16th day of January, 2006.

Union Township Board
Jay Cunningham
John Mollencupp
Sandra Sutton

EASTERN PULASKI MENU
January 30 – February 3
Elementary Breakfast

Monday – Toaster pastry, juice and milk

Tuesday – Breakfast pizza, juice and milk

Wednesday – Donut, yogurt, juice and milk

Thursday – Cook's choice, juice and milk

Friday – Cereal, graham cracker, juice and milk

Elementary Lunch

Monday – Cheese pizza, carrot coins, cinnamon applesauce, brownie and milk

Tuesday – Pork tenderloin, fries, apple, cookie and milk

Wednesday – Macaroni and cheese, peas, applesauce, soft pretzel and milk

Thursday – Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, fruit ice, hot roll and milk

Friday – Vegetable soup, yogurt, peaches, corn bread and milk

Middle/High School Lunch

Monday – Cheese dippers with sauce, potato triangles, fruit salad, cookie and milk. Choice – salad bar

Tuesday – Sloppy Joe sandwich, tator tots, peaches, wacky cake and milk. Choice – salad bar

Wednesday – Pizza, corn on the cob, pears, cookie and milk. Choice – salad bar

Thursday – Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, cinnamon roll, applesauce, and milk. Choice – salad bar

Friday – Burrito, carrots, pineapple, brownie and milk. Choice – salad bar

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SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS AVAILABLE

(Indianapolis)— The National Kidney Foundation of Indiana, Inc. announces the availability of applications for the Larry Smock Scholarship. Scholarship funds are available to Indiana residents who have chronic kidney disease, are on dialysis or have received a kidney transplant and wish to pursue higher education in an academic or monitored occupational setting. All applicants must have a high school diploma or its equivalent.

The Fund was established in 1992 with monies donated by the Smock family and the Martinsville community in memory of kidney patient Larry Smock. Larry was awaiting a kidney transplant when he passed away. Nearly 90,000 Americans are currently awaiting life-saving organ transplants (kidney, liver, heart, lungs, bone marrow and pancreas). Nine to ten people die each day while waiting and in Indiana alone, over 700 people await transplants.

The mission of the National Kidney Foundation of Indiana is to prevent kidney and urinary tract disease, improve the health and well being of individuals and families affected by these diseases and increase the availability of all organs for transplantation.

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Elementary Honor Roll

Caston Elementary has announced the names of its honor roll students for the second nine-week grading period.

Students named to the all "A" honor roll include:

Second grade – Alyssa Fagner, Mariah LaChance, Kylie Pugh, Tori Rentschler, Samuel Rhymer, Michael Smith, Emily Strain, Luke Sutton, Emilee Thomson, Jason (Trey) Young and Kyler Spencer

Third grade – Trey Doan, Jacob Kingery and Bryana Slisher

Fourth grade – Haley Hoover, Amber Reffitt, Anthony Strain and Matthew Thomas

Fifth grade – Marissa Hicks, Abby Holt, Sammi Swanson, Katy Williamson, Zach Smith and Amanda Watson

Sixth grade – Kyle Harvey, Trevor Hoover, Graham Redweik, Jessica Showley, Olivia Thomson, Mitchell Kerr, Christen Sailors, Emily Douglass and Holly Kingery

Students named to the "A/B" honor roll include:

Second grade – Dakota Andrade, Garrett Brouyette, Darin Chew, Jaycee Denton, Melanie Hollar, Jacob Kistler, Michael Remley, Terry Scott, Nathan Winters, Seth Moon, Hailey Nuckles, Rachel Strawn, Nathan Callender, Madison Martin, Preston Walker, Hayden Tomlinson, MaKenzie Norris, Brayton Jellison, Michael Duncan, Catherine Diveley, Santigo Henderson, Devin Niver, Makenna Ritter, Cody Nilson, Shane Richardson, Shyann Teel, Casey VanLue, and Sarina Vice

Third grade – Bethany Amezquita, Grant Boldry, Shawn Brown, Kim Cress, Payton Gates. Madeline Moeller, Braden Moss, Brookelynn Rigsby, Carrissa Ruby, Dakota Southerton, Kylee Sutton, Derick Westbrook, Emily Kersey, Hayley Anders, Kennedy Crissinger, Sarah Holt, Brayton MacLain, Dustin Offenberger, Ashley Scheffer, Justin Shelton, Madison Taylor, Braden Vorhees, Dalton Daily, Cheyenne Meyer, Jacqueline Rans, Haley Rigney, Sheyanne Scheffer, Jenna Showley, Tucker Shriver, Andrew Smith and Saran van derLeek

Fourth grade – Derek Berkshire, Courtnee Dice, Katie Henry, Conner Martin, Tierney Rentschler, Braxton Lee, Mason Shafer, Quentin Douglass, Anna Brown, Michael Beall, Victoria Hopkins, Hayley Johnson, Mickayla Rans, Britny Frye, Austin Fultz and Jory Goff.

Fifth grade – Kendall Carlson, Jordan Hollar, Regina Spencer, Caleb Baldwin, Joey Hook, Jacob Howdeshell, Katelyn Miller, Jordan Moss, Caleb Rowe, Daniel Scales and Taylor Smith

Sixth grade – Kent Burton, Maggie Daily, Garret Gates, Jacob Miller, Kara Smith, Cody Ailes, Amelia Hawkey, Zek Kesler, Cole Nilson, Cody Clupper, Zac Cowell, Trent Cripe, Dylan Johnson, Madison Jones, Zack Lee, Brittney Offenberger, Luke Schroder and Brandon Troglen.

Named to the B.U.G. (Bring Up Grades) roll were: Jacob Centers, Hunter Doty, Rex Smith, Zach Herd, Chrystle LaChance, Brittany VanLue, Aperal Fox, Josh McKinney, Charles Richardson, Taylor Grounds, Missy Gilbert and Joshua Franklin. The students named to the B.U.G. roll are those who made improvements in their grades by bringing up at least one grade while maintaining all others.

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Cigarette Tax Increase a Health Win for Hoosiers

Indianapolis, IN- The Indiana Tobacco Prevention and Cessation (ITPC) Agency congratulates Governor Daniels' call for an increase in the cigarette excise tax as a potential health victory for Indiana that will prevent youth initiation, reduce adult tobacco use and save Hoosier lives.

"ITPC and our statewide network of over 1300 local organizations involved in tobacco prevention applaud Governor Daniels' proposed cigarette tax increase because raising the price of cigarettes is a smart and proven public health solution to reduce smoking," said Karla Sneegas, ITPC's executive director. "Research analysis by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control demonstrates conclusively that increasing the price of cigarettes will prevent youth from trying cigarettes and becoming daily smokers."

Studies show that every 10 percent increase in the price of cigarettes reduces youth smoking by seven percent and overall cigarette consumption by roughly four percent. Research shows that Indiana can expect a $.25 cent per pack cigarette tax increase to: " prevent 26,100 kids alive today from becoming smokers " help 12,200 current adult smokers to quit " reduce Hoosier consumption by 49.5 million packs of cigarettes and" save more than $520 million dollars in healthcare costs savings with as much as $5.8 million from health care costs for smoking-related pregnancies and births.

"A higher cost for cigarettes at the cash register will keep more teens from being hooked by the tobacco industry," said Logan Hartshorne, a 14-year-old Indianapolis teen and spokesperson for Voice, the state's youth-led anti-tobacco movement. "Youth are really a lot more sensitive to price than adults so more of them won't smoke if it costs too much."

Indiana's cigarette tax was last raised in 2002. Beth Kohli, a 20-year smoker from Hamilton, Indiana, said she had considered quitting several times, but the last cigarette tax increase was what pushed her to make the commitment. "It made me think about what smoking was costing me, not just financially, but also in terms of my health and my family's well-being," Kohli said. "I realized I wanted to stop before the toll tobacco had taken became any greater. I quit over three years ago and haven't smoked since."

Indiana's present cigarette tax of 55.5 cents puts Indiana as the lowest in the Midwest (below states of Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Ohio), and stands 36.5 cents per pack below the national average of 92 cents per pack. Over 40 states have increased tobacco taxes since Indiana last raised the rate in 2002. Currently, five states - Maine, Michigan, New Jersey, Rhode Island and Washington -and New York City have cigarette taxes of $2.00 or more per pack.

Tobacco use is the leading preventable cause of death in Indiana, claiming more than 9,700 lives each year and costing the state $1.91 billion annually in health care bills, including $448.3 million in Medicaid payments alone. Close to 18,900 babies are born each year to mothers who have smoked during pregnancy and smoking-related health care costs for these babies are $20.4 million each year.

"Governor Daniels' proposal could be a win for youth health that will lead to future benefits," Sneegas said. "Since 90% of daily smokers start before they turn 18, a reduction in youth smoking will reap benefits for generations to come."

Voice is Indiana's youth-led movement dedicated to exposing the manipulation of teens by the tobacco industry. Voice is funded and facilitated by ITPC. The ITPC Executive Board was created to oversee funding from Indiana's share of the 1998 Master Settlement Agreement from the tobacco companies. The Board oversees the comprehensive tobacco control program, which includes media components, special youth features, enforcement, cessation initiatives and community programs in every county in Indiana. Learn more about ITPC's efforts at www.WhiteLies.tv or its youth movement at www.Voice.tv.

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Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,

The American Lung Association of Indiana seeks to improve Hoosiers overall health and lower our state's tobacco healthcare costs by preventing youths from smoking, helping smokers to quit, and reducing everyone's exposure to tobacco toxins from secondhand smoke. One effective way to achieve these goals is with a "health toll" in the form of increased cigarette taxes.

There is overwhelming evidence showing that a sizeable cigarette tax will deter youth smoking. Governor Daniels suggested a tax increase of at least 25 cents per pack; however the American Lung Association of Indiana recommends an increase of at least 50 cents. Based on the experiences of other states, the increased tax on cigarettes will cause 90 million fewer packs of cigarettes to be sold annually in Indiana, resulting in a 9.2% decline in youth smoking and a 2.1% decline in adult smokers with an overall long-term health savings that will exceed $1 billion over five years.

A National Academy of Sciences report concluded that increased taxation of cigarettes is the most effective way to deter teens from becoming addicts. The National Cancer Policy Board believes the single most direct and reliable method for reducing consumption is to increase the price of tobacco products, thus encouraging smokers to stop and non-smokers not to start.

Raising the cigarette tax is a proven method to reduce smoking, reduce smoking related illnesses and improve the health of Hoosiers. The greatest benefit from increasing the cigarette tax is that young people are much less likely to ever start smoking, avoiding devastating, chronic, smoking related illnesses and death. Raising Indiana's cigarette tax by 50 cents per pack means that approximately 52,000 youth who might have taken up smoking won't.

American Lung Association of Indiana is committed to a health toll as a key component in a comprehensive smoking prevention and cessation program. It is our mission to prevent lung disease and promote lung health. Out of concern for the long-term health benefits to Indiana's young people, I hope our political leaders eagerly embrace an increase in our cigarette tax. Not only will we have a healthier society but a stronger economy. The reduction in tobacco use resulting from an increase in the cigarette tax, a health toll, would be a tremendous step toward saving the lives of Hoosiers, one breath at a time.

Nancy Turner
President/CEO
American Lung Association
of Indiana

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NAP Deadline Approaching

Farmers are reminded that the sales closing date for certain spring planted crops, under the Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP), is approaching. March 15 is the sales closing date for crops such as sweet corn, cucumbers, watermelons, potatoes, peppers, pumpkins, onions, cabbage, carrots, etc. A complete listing of eligible crops is available in the Farm Service Agency office, 1252 E 100 S, Rochester.

The NAP program kicks in when natural disasters result in a catastrophic loss of production or prevented planting of an eligible crop. NAP coverage is equivalent to that provided by Catastrophic Risk Protection Plan (CAT) insurance 50% loss threshold. NAP is available for commercial crops or agricultural commodities produced for food and fiber for which CAT is not available. Coverage is not available for livestock.

NAP applications and payment of the service fees may be submitted to the Fulton County FSA office.

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Texas Holdem Tourney at Star City

The Star City Fire Department will hold a Texas Holdem tournament Sunday, January 29, at 1 p.m. at the Star City Community Building. The entry fee is $50 plus $15 for food. The competition will include a three-game series.

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How to Kill Your Business in Ten Easy Steps

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8. Don't Advertise! Overlook the fact that advertising is an investment in selling — not an expense.
9. Don't Advertise! Be sure not to provide an adequate advertising budget for your business.
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DOT Announces Final Decision on Indiana Time Zone Proposals

After five months, 22 hours of public hearing testimony and more than 6,000 public comments, the U.S. Department of Transportation today announced a final rule that will change the clock for eight of 17 Indiana counties seeking to move to the Central time zone.

The Indiana counties of Daviess, Dubois, Knox, Martin, Perry, Pike, Pulaski and Starke will move from the Eastern to Central time zone beginning April 2, when the nation switches to daylight saving time, according to the final rule to be published in the *Federal Register* on Friday, Jan. 20. Nine other counties that asked the Department to make the change, including Carroll, Cass, Fulton, Lawrence, Marshall, Sullivan, St. Joseph, Vermillion and White, will remain in the Eastern time zone, the Department decided.

"This rule reflects careful consideration of every public comment we received," said U.S. Secretary of Transportation Norman Y. Mineta.

The Department's final decision follows public hearings held last November in Jasper, Logansport, South Bend and Terre Haute, as well as a review of written and videotaped comments collected from residents.

Under the Uniform Time Act of 1966, the Secretary of Transportation has the authority to set time-zone boundaries and must base decisions on the "convenience of commerce."

Seventeen Indiana counties asked the Department last September to change from Eastern to Central time. On Oct. 25, the Department issued a notice proposing Knox, Perry, Pike, St. Joseph and Starke counties move from Eastern to Central time, and made no change to time zones in the remaining 12 counties.

In its final rule, the Department decided against changing St. Joseph County's time zone based on comments received at the public hearings and in writing. The Department said a critical factor was additional comment from local leaders who initially sought a change in the time zone but also wanted to be on the same time as Elkhart, Kosciusko and Marshall counties and communities in Michigan which observe Eastern time.

While the Department's proposed rule did not approve requests for changing the time zones for Daviess, Dubois, Martin and Pulaski counties, subsequent information provided by the counties and residents supported the case for moving the counties to the Central time zone.

The final rule, proposed rule, county petitions, comments and other documents in this case are available on the Internet at http://dms.dot.gov, docket OST-2005-22114.

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State Representative Bill Friend..... DISTRICT 23

Perhaps the most important issue the legislature needs to address in this short session is a transportation funding mechanism. Historically, the state has used a combination of federal transportation monies, the state gas tax and bonding to fund the maintenance and new construction for our highway system. As a state, we find ourselves at the end of a bonding program on June 30th, and the ability to continue our construction and maintenance programs is in jeopardy. Available funds will barely complete the normal upkeep necessary and construction of new highways is nearly impossible. The state is presented with a dilemma; how can we continue to improve our infrastructure with available revenues? It is a major problem with long lasting ramifications.

Infrastructure construction provides immediate job creation for laborers, equipment operators, engineers and suppliers of aggregate, concrete, asphalt and steel. If we are serious about job creation, this industry must be supported and stimulated financially. The latest statistic I've seen is that for every $1 billion dollars invested in infrastructure, 47,000 jobs are created and or retained. It is simply hypocritical for us to discuss job creation and not be supportive of this construction industry. The people who provide the labor, supplies and engineering deserve our support because the work will improve the facilities of our state. Economic development will follow after the new roads and bridges have been built.

Governor Daniels has proposed the Major Moves program to finance our system. It is thoughtful and innovative because it proposes a new concept for Indiana to consider. The controversial part of the program is the possible lease of the Indiana toll road for an extended time period–perhaps 75 years. The Governor is trying to generate the capital to fund $2.8 billion dollars in projects that have been approved and engineered. This administration is seeking proposals to lease the toll road for an extended period of time. It is a new concept here in Indiana, but has been used in other parts of the country successfully. Illinois, Virginia, Washington D.C., and California have used this practice and completed important projects. This week, the Governor announced that the highest bidder to lease the Indiana toll road has committed to $3.85 billion. I don't have any pre-conceived notions about this proposal, but I am open-minded enough to listen. I do know this, the alternatives are not good and it is a proposal we must consider.

A communication came in the mail this week and it contained a petition "telling Governor Mitch Daniels not to sell the toll road." There was a web site printed on the petition referring people to the Indiana Democratic Party. If you have received one of these petitions, please understand that the information is not correct. The proper word is lease and the state does not give up control of the toll road. Please correct those that are speaking or writing bad information.

As I state earlier, this is not an easy decision. The "deal" must be a good one if it is to be accepted. If the numbers are not good, we must move on to "Plan B". One thing is certain however, our construction industry, our infrastructure and our future economic development depend upon a program that works and benefits all Hoosiers. We shouldn't be afraid to try a new program simply because it has not been tried here before. Let's make the decision based on fact and the possibility for success, not on emotion. This is a historic opportunity for Indiana's future.

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Rep. Friend's Public Water and Wastewater Projects Bill Passes out of Committee

Bill Passes 10-0

(STATEHOUSE) January 11, 2006 – House Bill 1076 (HB 1076), authored by State Representative Bill Friend (R-Macy), passed out of the Local Government Committee today by a vote of 10-0. In addition to the existing energy savings contracts, HB 1076 will provide public water and wastewater projects with guaranteed savings contracts and utility efficiency programs that may be used by local units of governments to reduce consumption and usage costs.

"I am very pleased to see this bill pass out of committee," stated Representative Friend. "This bill will not only provide energy savings for local agencies like school corporations, but it will also promote water conservation and water quality," stated Representative Friend.

Currently, public law allows local units of government to become part of a utility energy efficiency program or guaranteed energy savings program with a qualified provider to help reduce energy consumption costs or operating costs if the savings due to an improvement will cover the costs of the improvement. If passed into law, HB 1076 will allow the same to be done for projects that will reduce water usage and consumption costs. It will also allow local units of government to enter into efficiency programs or savings contracts to provide billable revenue increases.

"It is important to provide this savings opportunity to our local units of government, because there will be more demand for conservation improvement projects that will in turn create more job opportunities for our contractors and their workers," stated Representative Friend.

Representative Friend represents House District 23, which includes portions of Elkhart, Marshall, Kosciusko, Fulton, and Miami Counties.

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Protect Yourself from Fraud

While many Medicare beneficiaries will see great savings and convenience with the new Medicare prescription drug benefit, some will be the victims of fraud. As with any new product or service, the Medicare prescription drug plan is bringing lots of choices, but it's also bringing scam artists who hope to prey on seniors and the disabled.

To make sure this doesn't happen to you, turn to a trusted friend or family member, or look to a trustworthy community organization to help you. The Medicare Rx Access Network of Indiana is a partnership of more than 40 such organizations across the state, including many health care provider associations, patient advocacy groups, non-profit service organizations and others you already know and trust. They can provide assistance and information on the new prescription drug benefit and help you make an informed decision.

One such source of information is the Indiana Association of Area Agencies on Aging (IAAAA), whose 16 member Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) provide services throughout Indiana. IAAAA provides the following tips:

- Remember that legitimate plan providers are not allowed to market to consumers door to door or through unsolicited e-mail. They may contact you by phone or through the mail, but they must follow any do-not-call registry rules.
- Never sign anything you don't understand. Have a trusted adviser or attorney review it.
- Don't give out your credit card number, bank account information Medicare number or social security card number over the phone or Internet unless you initiate the transaction and know with whom you are talking.
- Shred or tear into small pieces all mail solicitations, bank records or any other discarded documents that contain identifying personal information.
- Be aware of scams. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
- Stay socially active. Isolation increases your risk of becoming a victim.
- Review the 2006 Medicare & You handbook that was mailed to every Medicare beneficiary in the fall. It contains a list of all approved Medicare drug plans and information about the coverage.
- You can verify that the plan is legitimate by calling 1-800-MEDICARE or the Senior Health Insurance Information Program of Indiana at 1-800-452-4800.

"If someone contacts you and pressures you to buy, hang up the phone or close your door," said Melissa Durr, CEO of IAAAA. "Also, make sure you clarify what is covered, what the cost of the product is, how to cancel if you change your mind and that you understand what you are buying."

If you suspect someone is trying to coerce you or steal personal information, contact your local Area Agency on Aging at 1-800-986-3505, immediately.

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Public Notice

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Fulton, Indiana, will be on the 6th day of February, 2006, up to the hour of 9:00 a.m. EST, receive sealed bids at the office of the Auditor of said County for the following item in accordance with specifications available at the office of the Auditor, Courthouse, 125 E. 9th St., Rochester, In. 46975.

BID ITEM – ONE NEW 2006 OR CURRENT PRODUCTION BACKHOE, WHEEL LOADER

Bids will be opened and read aloud on Monday, February 6, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. EST, at the Fulton County Board of Commissioners Room, 125 E. 9th St., Rochester, In. 46975. All bids to exclude state and federal taxes. Each bidder is to state time of delivery. The Board reserves the right to reject any/or all bids. All bids shall be submitted on

FULTON COUNTY BID FORM

obtainable at the Fulton County Auditor's office and each bidder shall accompany his/her bid with a bond or certified check made payable to the Auditor of Fulton County in an amount to equal ten percent (10%) of the total bid. Certified check or bond of successful bidder to be held until delivery or until completion of contract.

Board of Commissioners
Richard A. Powell
Roger D. Rose
Leslie R. Walters
ATTEST:
Denise J. Bonnell
Auditor of Fulton County
Pub. 1/19 & 26, 2006

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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Alcoholic Beverage Board of Fulton County, Indiana, will hold a public hearing at 1:00 PM on February 15, 2006, at the Conference Room, County Annex, Fulton County Office Bldg., in the city of Rochester in said county, to investigate the propriety of holding an alcoholic beverage permit by the applicants listed herein to wit:

RR2516121 Retailer - Beer, Wine and Liquor; Renewal; B S Inc, W Rochester St., Akron; D/B/A The Den; Eleanor M Bailey, Mishawaka St., P O Box 652, Akron, Pres. Elizabeth Hopkins, 13181 St Rd 114 East, Akron, Sec'y.

RC2510334 Retailer - Beer, Wine and Liquor; Renewal; B P O Elks Inc 2120, 2506 Country Club Dr S, Rochester; D/B/A Elks # 2120.

RR2521533 Retailer - Beer, Wine and Liquor; Renewal; SM Sloane's Inc., 108 E Rochester St, Akron; D/B/A Sloane's Fine Food & Spirits; Steve Sloane, 1145 S 1450 E, Akron, Pres.; Mary Sloane, 1145 S 1450 E, Akron, Sec'y.

Alcohol and Tobacco Commission
Pub. 01/26/2006

RESOLUTION # 011806
A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF FULTON, INDIANA, ESTABLISHING MEETING TIMES FOR 2006

WHEREAS, the Fulton County Council has established that they will meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 P.M., E.S.T. in the Assembly Room in the new Fulton County Office Building.

WHEREAS, the Fulton County Council have established times as set out under Indiana Code 36-2-2-6 et.Seq.;

NOW THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the Fulton County Council that:

1. The Fulton County Council has established that they will meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 P.M., E.S.T., except as listed below or other special circumstances, in the Assembly Room in the new Fulton County Office Building.

2. Replacement dates for the third Tuesday of the following months are as follows:

a. January 18, 2006
b. February 22, 2006
c. August 22, 2006
d. December 12, 2006

3. If other meetings are scheduled, public notice will be given.

Adopted this 18th day of January, 2006.

FULTON COUNTY COUNCIL
James Widman
Gary Sriver
David J. Helt
Mike Gearhart
Christopher D. Sailors
Earl Gaerte
Judy DeVries

ATTEST: Denise J. Bonnell
Fulton County Auditor
Pub. 01/26/2006

STATE OF INDIANA)
)
COUNTY OF FULTON)

BEFORE THE COUNTY COUNCIL
FULTON COUNTY, INDIANA
ORDINANCE # 112205
AMENDMENT TO SALARY ORDINANCE
RE: ADJUSTMENT TO THE FULTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S SALARY

The Fulton County Council hereby amends the Fulton County Salary Ordinance # 090805-A & # 090805-B to reflect the following change:

1. The Fulton County Sheriff will receive a one-time payment of $4,800.00 in addition to his regular salary in the year 2006. This is due to the State Statute change regarding prosecutor's pay and this is to compensate him for that change from the year 2005.

Adopted by a vote 7 aye, 0 nay, 0 not present, this 13th day of December, 2005.

Christopher D. Sailors, President
FULTON COUNTY COUNCIL
Judy DeVries
James Widman
Gary Sriver
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Mike Gearhart

ATTEST: Denise J. Bonnell
Fulton County Auditor
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AMENDED
RESOLUTION # 112905
RESOLUTION OF THE FULTON COUNTY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Fulton County has long been serviced by an airport that has been overseen and operated by the Fulton County Board of Aviation Commissioners, and:

WHEREAS, Indiana Law provides that airports shall be managed and operated by a Board of Aviation Commissioners unless the County fiscal body should choose to establish an Airport Authority, and:

WHEREAS, after due consideration, the Fulton County Council is convinced that the operation and management of the Fulton County Airport by an Airport Authority provides fiscal and managerial advantages over the operation of an airport by a Board of Aviation Commissioners, and;

WHEREAS, the Fulton County Airport has been and continues to be a vital asset to Fulton County, and;

WHEREAS, the Fulton County Council believes that it would be in the best interest of Fulton County and the best interest of the most efficient operation of the Fulton County Airport to convert to an Airport Authority, and;

WHEREAS, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners have urged the Fulton County Council to adopt a resolution in favor of the establishment of an Airport Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fulton County Council, pursuant to the authority granted by Indiana Code Sec 8-22-3, et seq. hereby establishes an Airport Authority which shall be known as the Fulton County Airport Authority, which Airport Authority shall control, manage and operate the Fulton County Airport which previously had been controlled, managed and operated by the Fulton County Board of Aviation Commissioners.

Dated: November 22, 2005.

FULTON COUNTY COUNCIL
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ATTEST: Denise J. Bonnell
Fulton County Auditor
Pub. 1/26/06

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Caston Education Center, Fulton, Indiana
Water Building at Caston
Educational Center, Fulton, Indiana
Mr. Robert Huffman, Superintendent,
P.O. Box 8, Fulton, Indiana 46931
1:00 P.M. February 13, 2006

at which time all proposals will be opened and read aloud. Proposals received after the hour and date set for receiving of proposals will be returned unopened.

Proposals shall be in full accordance with the Proposal Documents, which are on file with the Owner and may be examined by prospective Bidders at the following locations:

Caston Educational Center
P.O. Box 8
Fulton, IN 46931
Mattox & Associates
423 West Front Street
Delphi, IN 46923

Bidders may obtain up to two complete sets of Bidding Documents from the office of Mattox & Associates, P.O. Box 32, Delphi, Indiana 46923, upon receipt of a deposit of $30.00 for each complete set of Bidding Documents requested. Deposits will be refunded if returned within ten (10) days of the bid date and in reusable condition. Deposits shall be made out to Mattox & Associates.

Should a Bidder for a Prime Bidder desire additional sets or non-bidder desire sets of the Bidding Documents, same will be furnished by the Consultant upon receipt of $30.00 for complete sets, $0.20 per individual sheets of drawings and per individual sheets of specifications, which charge will not be refunded.

Bid security shall be a satisfactory Bid Bond, a certified bank draft, or cashier's check in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the proposal, including all add alternate bids, and made payable to: Caston Educational Center.

Bid securities of all bidders will be returned within ninty (90) days after date set for receipt of bids.

Should a successful bidder withdraw his bid, or fail to execute a satisfactory contract, Caston Educational Center may then declare the bid security or bond forfeited as liquidated damages, but not as a penalty.

The bidder receiving the award shall be required to furnish a one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond with an approved surety company which covers faithful performance of the Contract and the payment of all obligations arising thereunder. Said bonds shall remain in full force and effect for twelve (12) months from the substantial completion of the work.

The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any bid and to waive any irregularities in bidding. The Base Bid may be held for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days before awarding Contracts. All additive Alternate Bids may be held for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days after signing of Contract.

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FULTON COUNTY CRIME STOPPERS

CRIME OF THE WEEK!

January 23rd, 2006
CRIME / ACTIVITY: BURGLARY
CASE NUMBER: 25-376-05
LOCATION:
FULTON MEDICAL CLINIC

SUMMARY: Between 11-15-05 and 11-16-05 the suspect made forced entry to the Medical Clinic and once inside committed the theft of medication as well as prescription pads. Anyone with information is requested to contact Crime Stoppers. If you have any information on this case or any other crime call Crime Stoppers. You could earn up to $1,000.00 reward if the information leads to an arrest or indictment. Callers do not have to reveal their names and all calls are confidential.

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Local Items

Wiletta Wilson had company Sunday afternoon. Joining her for a chat were her nieces, Melissa DeArmad of Fort Wayne and Leslie Brown of Decatur. Also stopping by were her niece and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Reese.

Hugh and Maryellyn Tennent were Sunday afternoon visitors of Gilbert and Joyce Vallis.

Nancy and Leonard Evers traveled to Indianapolis Sunday. They enjoyed attending a retirement party held in honor of their niece's husband, Mike Davis. (Mike was retiring from the railroad.) In the evening, the Evers visited with their daughter, Diane Evers.

Pauline and Don Scales had callers Sunday. Joining them for a pleasant late day visit and supper were their daughter and son- in-law, Phyllis and Gene Koontz of Rochester.

Helen Whiteman had a caller Sunday. Arriving late in the day for a chat was her daughter, Dr. Cindy Parker of Winamac.

John Lincoln and Jackie Heidenreich arrived home late Sunday from a week- long trip to Mrytle Beach, South Carolina. They had a fun time visiting with John's daughter, Cindy Halbert, and her family. During their stay along the beach, they watched dolphins that were just offshore, checked out numerous specialty shops and dined- out every night.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Joshua Agnew, Denise Baker, Brittney Baldwin, Janece Cook, Betty Hinderlider and Whitney Thomas, Jan. 29; Matthew Coers, Bob Kumler and Sherri Lett, Jan. 30; Bethany Brogdon, Ryan Evans and Scott Foerg, Jan. 31; Darel Bangel, Bill Donathen, Lauren Evers, Dr. Cindy Parker and Robin Whiteman, Feb. 1; Karen Long and Janet Szewcyk, Feb. 2; and Jim Bauman Jr., Charles Evans Jr., Andrea Hook, Mark Howdeshell, Shelley Moore and Robert Personett, Feb. 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson will be celebrating their wedding anniversary Jan. 31.

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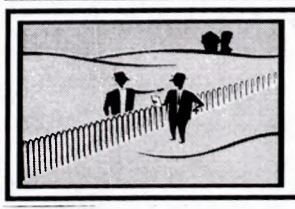

Town & Country CHATTER...

By: Julie Brown (574) 653-2451

Jackie Heidenreich and her daughters, Jaime Short of Indianapolis and Vickie Molitor, enjoyed celebrating their recent birthdays with dinner at Kosta's restaurant in Winamac Saturday, Jan. 14.

Barb and Tom LaFollette traveled to Kokomo Tuesday, Jan. 17. They picked up Barb's mother, Pauline Eikenberry, for a day of shopping. Around noontime, they stopped by Martino's Italian Villa for lunch and a visit with Mike and Angie Martino.

Jerry and Kay Brown and their children and families, Mark and Mick Brown; Sue and Mike McKinney and Molly of Rochester and Kyle of Muncie; Mike and Kathie Brown; and Kerry and Karen Brown of Rushville were in Galveston Thursday, Jan. 19. They were attending the funeral of Toshiko Y. Smith. Toshiko was the mother of Tom Smith of Rochester, Jerry and Kay's son-in- law.

Ruth Ann Anderson traveled to South Bend Thursday. She was an overnight houseguest of her daughter and son- in- law, Becky and Jim Lincoln. The ladies enjoyed spending the day and dining out together in celebration of Becky's birthday.

Tom and Barb LaFollette and friend, Tom Miller, were among those who attended the funeral viewing of family friend, Toshiko Smith in Galveston. Afterward, Barb and the Toms dined at Martino's Italian Villa.

Kay and Jerry Brown were in Rochester Thursday evening. They had an exciting time attending the high school girls' basketball game. Their granddaughter, Molly McKinney, is a player for Rochester.

Tom and Barb LaFollette enjoyed Buckburger Nite at the Rochester Moose lodge Friday, Jan. 20. Joining them for the meal and a visit were their daughter and grandchildren, Karina Bohac, Shelby and Nick, and Shelby's friend, Brittney Schwab.

Wilma Wilson had company Friday evening. Joining her for supper and visit were her daughter, Judy Graham of Lucerne, and her grandson and his wife, Nathan and Emily Graham of Royal Center.

Helen Whiteman had a houseguest over the weekend. Staying with her for a few days was her daughter, Karen Rice of Indianapolis.

Ruth Ann Anderson spent Friday evening in Akron. She enjoyed visiting with her grandson- in- law and great-grandchildren, Hank Riffle, Kyle and Brittany. She prepared supper for the family and remained as their overnight houseguest.

Wiletta Wilson had a caller Friday. Coming up for a visit and helping her do some errands was her daughter, Ann Michael of Avon.

JoAnn Tsoodle was the guest of honor at a small gathering Saturday, Jan. 21. The occasion was in celebration of her birthday and hosted by Barb Hieber. Helping them mark the occasion with dinner were Barb's daughter and son- in- law, Sue and Ed Janes of LaPorte.

Patsy Evans traveled to Columbia City Saturday. She accompanied her daughter, Sherri Bowyer, to the Indiana Pacers vs. Chicago Bulls basketball game. Afterward, Patsy remained as an overnight houseguest of Sherri and her husband, Rich.

Wilma Wilson joined her daughters and sons- in- law, Mary Lou and Bill Foerg of Royal Center and Judy and Jack Graham of Lucerne, and her daughter- in- law, Nicki Wilson of Rochester, for supper Saturday evening in Rochester. Afterward, they attended the high school girls' basketball game in which Wilma's granddaughter, Kaelee Wilson, was participating.

Terry Young was the guest of honor at a small family gathering Saturday evening. The occasion was in celebration of his birthday and hosted by his in- laws, Donnabelle and Bill Fisher. Helping them mark the event with dinner and an evening of visiting were Terry's wife, Cindy Young; their son, Brian; and Terry's parents, Don and Wilma Young.

Jerry Brown was among those cheering on Molly McKinney and her teammates at the Rochester high school girls' basketball game Saturday evening.

Barb and Tom LaFollette had company Saturday. Joining them for a chicken and noodle dinner were Karina and Terry Bohac, Shelby and Nick.

Jean Bangel was the guest of honor at a family gathering Sunday, Jan. 22. The occasion was in celebration of her 50th birthday and hosted by her husband and daughter, Louis Bangel and Joyce. Helping them mark the occasion with dinner and a "50" themed party were Jean's mother, Elsie Scheffer of Pulaski; her brother and sister, Chuck and Cheryl; her sister and brother- in- law, Mary K. and Steve Thomas; her mother- and father- in- law, Mary and Earl Bangel; her sister- in- law, Linda Bangel; and family friend, Ann Wooden.

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